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Via Fax

Renata B. Hesse
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U.S. Department of Justice
601 D Street NW
Suite 1200
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Re: Antitrust Action Against Microsoft

Dear Ms. Hesse:

I am writing to express my support for the settlement that the Justice Department negotiated with Microsoft. This settlement is in the best interests of consumers, as it will put new restrictions on Microsoft while encourage Microsoft and other companies to continue to compete and innovate. I expect that bringing an end to the uncertainty of this legal action will be a plus for the national economy.

Accordingly, it is my hope that the proposed settlement will be approved and implemented as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Doug Smith
Speaker *Pro Tempore*